

Evening Telegraph

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Leading Editorials from the New York Papers This Morning.

CABINET CHANGES.

There seems to be a temporary lull in the newspaper publication about changes in the Cabinet. Ten days ago it was announced with the utmost positiveness, that Mr. Stanton was at once to give place to General Butler, Mr. Fessenden to R. J. Walker, and Mr. Seward to C. F. Adams. Not a single one of these changes had been proposed or even talked about by the press since, and the parties concerned are the most ignorant of the slightest difference. The outside public know all about it, and the new papers talk all about it with the same confidence and assurance as if it had all been decided.

These three changes are probably the only three which are not in the least likely to occur. Mr. Stanton's health has been very seriously impaired by the gigantic labors of his department—indeed, no other man in the country could be so perfectly qualified for such an utterly crushed moribund age. Powerless this is to render it necessary for him to seek temporary or comparative repose; but nothing else, in our judgment, will vindicate his department. His familiarity with the enormous and complicated business of the War Department, and his single-hearted devotion to the Government and the country, have made him indispensable in that position, though the President nor the country would willingly part with him.

Mr. Fessenden, though next to the Treasury Department, and, indeed, to executive business of any kind, has so much ability, and has so fully secured the full intention of his present position, that his retention of it is extremely desired. His preference for a permanent office is well known; and if the Legislature of Maine should re-elect him to the Senate, he would probably gladly return to it. As a debater he has lost none of his former power, and in Congress, and it is only natural that he should prefer a field already familiar to him, and where his high honors have been won.

But it is difficult to say that Vice-President Hamlin has not a right to that position; and it is not at all unlikely that a number of his general claims and qualifications, as well as of the general and patriotic manner in which he accepted the adverse decision of the Baltimore Convention, may prove to the people of Maine to bostow it upon him. In the event of his election, Mr. Fessenden will continue to be in the Service of the Treasury. And that Mr. Seward will remain the State Department, unless for personal reasons he chooses to leave it, we presume is a matter of course.

That changes may occur in other Cabinet posts is much more likely. Attorney-General Bates has already signified his intention to retire, and we presume his example will soon be followed by the Secretary of the Navy. The vacant Chief Justiceship is also a post for which an appointment from a Western State, and, perhaps, the resignation of the Secretary of the Interior; but so far as we are informed no names have yet been canvassed to fill these possible or probable vacancies. If any of these should retire, we are confident the country would be loath to see his office filled by some one of the many heroes who have, by practical service, reflected so much honor on the American flag.

The result of the election has made President Lincoln responsible for the conduct of the war, and at the same time, so thoroughly responsible for the conduct of public affairs, that he is not only able, but bound alike by duty and by interest, to put aside all attempts at the dictation of cliques or factions, and to act exclusively upon the convictions of the public good.

PENNSYLVANIA.

From the Tribune.

Mr. C. L. Ward, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, writes to the *World* that Pennsylvania has voted October a majority of 514,000 on the question, "Will the people vote again whether this is the G. L. Ward who, for many days after that election, persistently telegraphed that Pennsylvania had been carried for their party by ten or fifteen thousand majority?" If he is the same, we cannot desist from his present avowal.

We should be happy to aid Mr. Ward in making the Democratic proportion of the home vote cast at either of the late elections in Pennsylvania, as large as may be; for we glory in and desire to proclaim the truth that the men who are dictating the national cause in the field are those who have most emphatically sustained it at the polls.

THE "FLORIDA" CASE.

We have refrained from comments on the capture in the harbor of Bahia of the British-Rebel corsair *Florida* by the United States gunboat *Wachusett*, because the public as yet has heard but one side of the case, and because we chose not to say or dought that might by possibility embarrass the action of our Government. The loyal press of our country has very generally practised a kind reserve. But the *World* sees fit to put forth the following statement:

"The *Florida*, given to the *Wachusett*, which comes as Washington, there can be no doubt that the Administration has determined to make amends to me for the services of the *Florida* and her crew in the interests of the South, and to give me a new commission in the *Wachusett*. Will the *World* inform the *Florida* that she is now a captive?"

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